

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
 MICHAEL WIARD SCHERZ :
 Serial No. 08/595,158 : Group Art Unit 1203
 Filed February 1, 1996 : Examiner B. Dentz
 For DIHYDROBENZOFURAN AND :
 RELATED COMPOUNDS USEFUL
 AS ANTI-INFLAMMATORY
 AGENTS

The Assistant Commissioner For Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

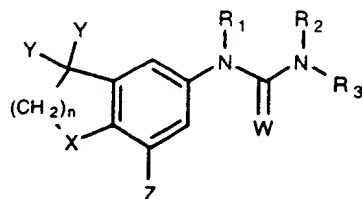
Dear Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 26, 1996. A three-month extension of time will be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

AMENDMENT**In the Claims**

1 (Amended). A compound having the structure:



wherein

- (a) n is from 1 to about 3;
- (b) X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, SO, or SO₂;
- (c) Y is independently hydrogen or straight, or branched alkyl or [cyclic alkyl] cycloalkyl having from 1 to about 3 carbon atoms, or the Y's are bonded together to form [an alkanyl] a cycloalkyl ring having from 3 to about 7 atoms;
- (d) Z is [hydrogen or] straight, branched alkyl or [cyclic alkyl] cycloalkyl having from 3 to about 10 atoms other than hydrogen;
- (e) W is O or S; and
- (f) R₁, R₂ and R₃ are independently hydrogen, straight, branched alkyl or [cyclic alkyl] cycloalkyl having from 1 to about 10 carbon atoms, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, or alkoxy; or R₁, R₂ and R₃ may be